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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 8

1. WP (PAGE 17) VICTOR ZORZA COLUMN HEADLINED "MOSCOW FEARS FOR DETENTE". KREMLIN FEARS THAT WITH FALL OF VIETNAM, US MAY BE TURNING AWAY FROM DETENTE AND FEEL NEED TO ASSERT WORLD ROLE AS WELL AS INCREASING MILITARY STRENGTH. RECESS OF SALT DUE PARTLY TO HARDENING US ATTITUDE.

2. WP (PAGE 17) JOSEPH KRAFT COLUMN "30 YEARS AFTER" STRESSES NEED FOR WESTERN COOPERATION IN VIEW OF

ADVANTAGEOUS SOVIET POSITION.

3. NYT (PAGE 8) HEADLINE :MOSCOW COURTS PARIS SOCIALIST" BY FLORA LEWIS, DATELINE PARIS, DISCUSSES MITTERAND'S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN WHICH SOVIETS URGED JOINT ACTION OF COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS.

4. NYT (PAGE 8) HEADLINE "SOVIET IS GRANTING LIMITED UNCLASSIFIED

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AMNESTY TO MARK V-E DAY" BY JAMES CLARITY. AMNESTY

APPLIES TO WAR VETERANS; EXCLUDES CERTAIN CRIMES.  
SAKHAROV SAID SCOPE IS VERY SMALL.

5. SUN (PAGE 6) HEADLINE "HARRIMAN SAYS STALIN FELT NAZIS COULD HAVE WON" BY MICHAEL PARKS. HARRIMAN STATED STALIN TOLD HIM THAT, HAD NAZIS CONCENTRATED ATTACK ON MOSCOW INSTEAD OF LAUNCHING A THREE-PRONGED ATTACK, MOSCOW COULD HAVE FALLEN AND USSR PROBABLY COULD NOT HAVE COUNTER-ATTACKED. STALIN EFFECTIVELY IN CHARGE DURING WAR. HARRIMAN AGREED RED ARMY BROKE THE BACK OF THE GERMAN ARMY, BUT EACH ALLY MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH SHOULD NOT BE MINIMIZED.

6. NYT (LETTERS TO EDITOR) HEADLINE "DETENTE: THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT IT IS NOT" FROM WILLIAM R. TYLER, STATES DETENTE HAS LULLED PUBLIC OPINION IN WEST TO A DANGEROUS EXTENT, AND RESULTED IN A DETERIORATION IN THE POWER BALANCE.

7. CSM (PAGE 7) HEADLINE "SOVIETS HAVE MORE TO GAIN FROM JOINT ORBITAL VENTURE" DATELINED NEW YORK, GIVES VIEWS OF VORONEL WHO STATES U.S. TECHNOLOGY IS DEFINITELY MORE ADVANCED. JOINT SPACE PROJECT VIEWED BY U.S. SCIENTISTS AS POLITICAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS MANEUVER WITH MINIMAL TECHNOLOGICAL GAINS FOR U.S.

8. CSM (PAGE 15) HEADLINE "SOVIET SUCCESSION CLUE IN ELECTIONS?" BY ELIZABETH POND. NOMINATIONS NOW UNDER WAY FOR LEGISLATIVE ELECTION IN FIFTEEN SOVIET REPUBLICS WATCHED AS SIGN OF RELATIVE STRENGTH OF SOVIET LEADERS SINCE BREZHNEV EXPECTED TO RETIRE.

9. WSJ (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "RED SCARE - RISE OF COMMUNISTS IN WESTERN EUROPE SPURS DEBATE IN WESTERN EUROPE" DISCUSSES PRESSURE FOR WESTERN TRADE UNION CONTACTS WITH USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE. KISSINGER

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